(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Under the provisions of the Constitution, the executive powers of a State extend to borrowing only within the territory of India. Also, under the VII Schedule of the Constitution, 'Foreign Loans' come under the Union list. Thus, State Governments cannot receive financial assistance from foreign countries/institutions directly. The external assistance in respect of projects implemented in various States are obtained by the Central Government and passed on to the States on different terms and conditions. Therefore, there is no outstanding loan against Government of Andhra Pradesh to World bank, IMF or other international financial institutions. The State Government owes the loan component of the Additional Central Assistance (assistance obtained from external agencies) to the Central Government which as the principal borrower discharges its debt obligations to external agencies.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Exemption to Agricultural Marketing Committees from IT Act

1431. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have requested Government to exempt Agricultural Marketing Committees and Boards from the purview of Income Tax Act;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has also made a similar request; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take steps to exempt the above Committees/Boards from the purview of Income Tax Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) A number of States including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Delhi, Rajasthan, West Bengal have made such request.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Siphoning of money by American companies

†1432. Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.